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SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF PONTA DELGADA DAILY

1. NOVEMBER 27 PONTA MORNING PRESS REPORTS SUSPENSION OF AFTERNOON DAILY " DIARIO DOS ACORES" BY AD HOC COMMISSION FOR PRESS,RADIO, TELEVISION,FILM, AND THEATER.

2. ACTION REPORTED BASED ON "DIARIO'S" OCT 5 PUBLICATION ARTICLE ENTITLED "CHICO OF THE ISLAND WILL IMMIGRATE AGAIN" BY JOSE DA SILVA FRAGA. ARTICLE IS EMOTIONAL FICTIONAL ACCOUNT OF POOR AZOREAN WHO EMMIGRATES TO U.S. WHERE, THROUGH HARD WORK SAVES ENOUGH TO BUY LAND AND CATTLE IN AZORES. UPON RETURN TO ISLANDS IS UNABLE WORK OWN LAND DUE TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNEMNT MORATORIOUM ON EVICTION OF TENANTS PENDING PROMULGATION OF NEW LAW ON RURAL RENTS. CHICO THEREFORE FORCED SELL CATTLE AT LOSS AND RESOLVES RETURN AMERICA A BROKEN MAN.

3. ARTICLE'S AUTHOR, SILVA FRAGA, IS LARGE LAND OWNER AND CATTLE BREEDER. IS KNOWN MAPA RPT MAPA SUPPORTER. PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES CALLING FOR AUTONOMY AND, ON ONE OCCASION, INDEPENDENCE.

4. COMMENT: AD HOC'S COMMISON'S ACTION INTERESTING FOR SEVERAL REASONS . FIRST, MARKS FIRST SUSPESION OF AN AZOREAN PUBLICATION UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR ANY REASON. SECOND, OVER MONTH PASSED BETWEEN PUBLICATION OF

ARTICLE AND SUSPENSION. THIRD, " DIARIO", A BASICALLY MODERATE,
CENTRIST PUBLICATION WHICH PUBLISHES ARTICLES REFLECTING ALL CURRENTS
OF POLITICAL OPINION, UNLIKELY CANDIDATE TO BE SINGLED OUT FOR AD HOC
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